

EXECUTIVE ORDER 93-12

ARIZONA OFFICE FOR AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES

Creating the Arizona Office For Americans With Disabilities to assist in the implementation of the federal and state laws pertaining to accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

WHEREAS, more than fourteen percent of Arizonans have one or more physical or mental disabilities, and this percentage is increasing as the population as a whole is growing older; and

WHEREAS, the isolation and segregation of individuals with disabilities continues to be a serious and pervasive social problem; and

WHEREAS, individuals with disabilities continually encounter various forms of discrimination, including outright intentional exclusion, discriminatory employment practices, the discriminatory effects of architectural and telecommunication barriers, failure to make modifications to existing facilities and practices, and relegation to lesser services or other opportunities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Arizona endeavors to assure equality of opportunity, full participation, independent living and economic self-sufficiency for individuals with disabilities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Fife Symington, Governor of the State of Arizona by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the Laws of the State, hereby order and direct as follows:

1. That an Arizona Office For Americans With Disabilities be established.
2. That the Arizona Office For Americans With Disabilities provide clear, strong, and consistent guidance to eliminate discrimination against individuals with disabilities.
3. That the Arizona Office For Americans With Disabilities guide the State of Arizona in the implementation and enforcement of the Americans With Disabilities Act.
4. That the Arizona Office For Americans With Disabilities maintain an open door for individuals with disabilities.
5. That the Arizona Office For Americans With Disabilities provide an avenue of resources and information to the private sector for the purpose of assisting in the implementation of federal and state laws pertaining to individuals with disabilities.
6. That the Arizona Office For Americans With Disabilities assist Arizona counties and municipalities in their respective implementation of federal and state laws pertaining to individuals with disabilities.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

Fife R. ...
GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix this seventh day of July in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Three and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundred and Seventeenth.

ATTEST:

Richard Hahoney
SECRETARY OF STATE